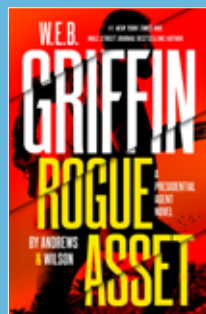
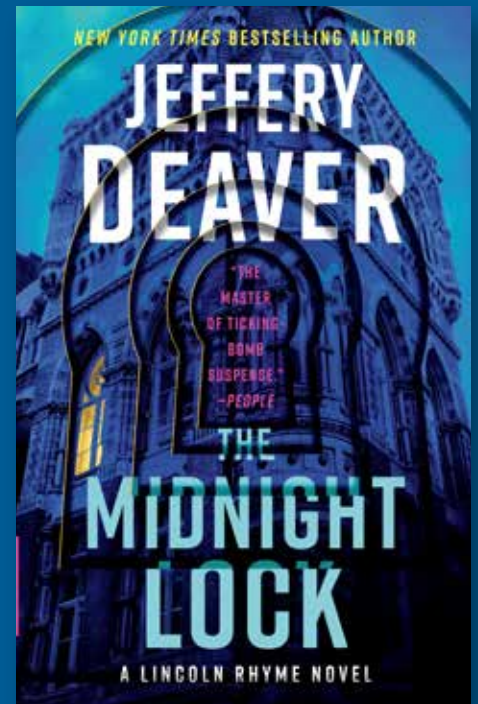
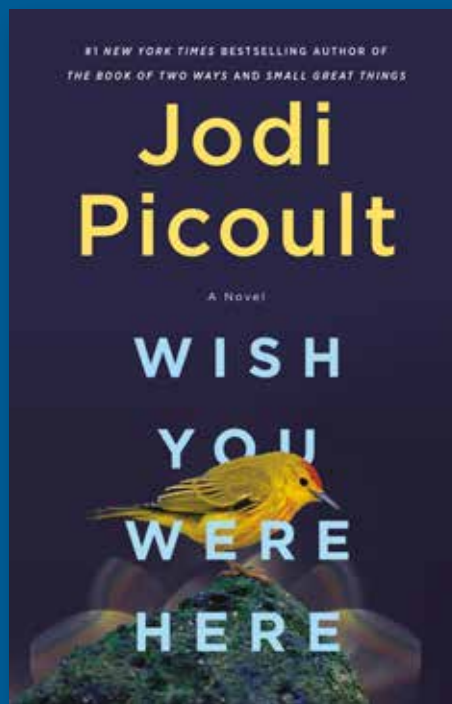
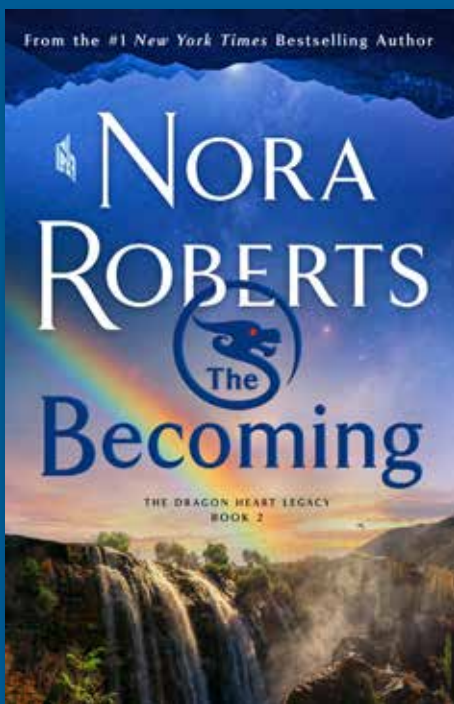


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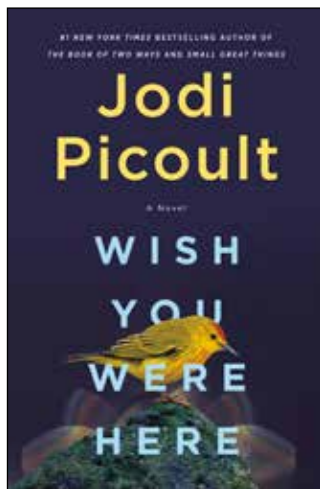
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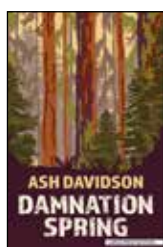
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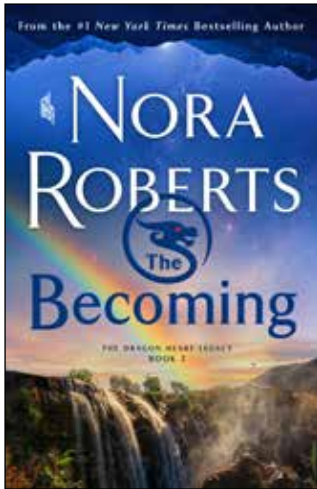
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L.A. is parched and all Oscar desperately wants is a little rain. His wife, Keila, desperate for a life with a little more intimacy and a little less Weather Channel, feels she has no choice but to end their marriage. Their three daughters are blindsided and left questioning everything they know. Each will have to take a critical look at her own relationships and make some tough decisions along the way.

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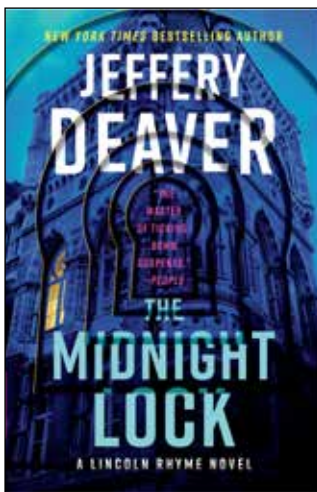
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The world of magick and the world of man have long been estranged from one another — but some can walk between the two — including Breen Siobhan Kelly. She's just returned to Talamh with her friend Marco. In Talamh, Breen is learning to embrace the powers of her identity. Marco is welcomed kindly by her people — and by Keegan, leader of the Fey — but one member of Breen's bloodline is not there to embrace her. Her grandfather plots to destroy Talamh — and now all must unite to defeat his forces. There will be betrayal and bloodshed. Through it, Breen will take the next step on the journey to becoming all she was born to be.

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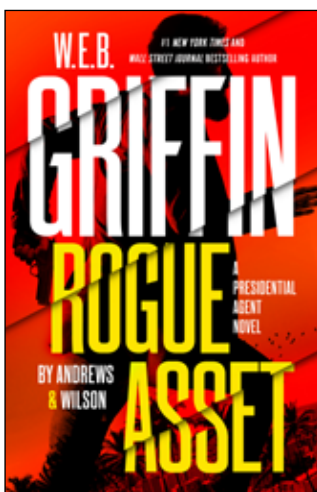
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A woman awakes in the morning to find that someone has picked her apartment's supposedly impregnable door lock and rearranged personal items, even sitting beside her while she slept. The intrusion, the police learn, is a message to the entire city of carnage to come. Lincoln Rhyme and Amelia Sachs are brought in to investigate and soon learn that the sociopathic intruder, who calls himself "the Locksmith," can break through any lock or security system ever devised. With more victims on the horizon, Rhyme, Sachs, and their stable of associates must follow the evidence to the man's lair and discover his true mission.

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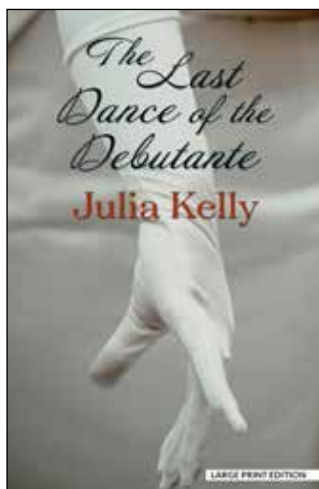
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**EDITOR'S CHOICE #8 TITLE**

Justin Wiley has been Earl of Brandon for six years. A dark, dour man, he nonetheless takes it as his responsibility to care for his half-sister Maria when her mother dies. Maria loathes Justin, and her friend Lady Estelle Lamarr can see how his very name upsets her. When Justin invites Estelle and her brother to accompany Maria to Everleigh Park to help with her distress, she agrees for Maria's sake. As secrets unravel in Maria's homecoming, Justin, too, uncovers his desire for a countess. And, while he may believe he's found an obvious candidate in Lady Estelle, she's most certain that they could never make a match.

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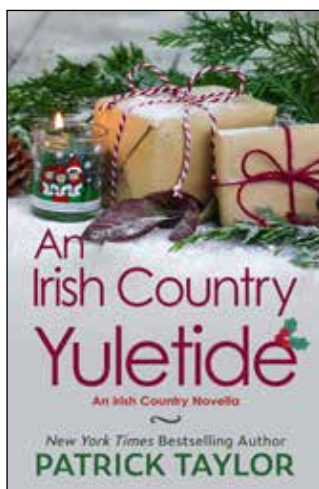
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To appease her traditional mother, aspiring university student Lily Nichols agrees to become a debutante and do the Season, a string of countless balls and cocktail parties. In doing so, she befriends two women: the cool and aloof Leana Hartford whose apparent perfection hides a darker side and the ambitious Katherine Norman who dreams of a career once she helps her parents find their place among the elite. The effervescence of the Season evaporates once Lily learns a secret that threatens to destroy her family. Faced with a dark past, she's forced to ask herself what really matters: her family legacy or her own happiness.

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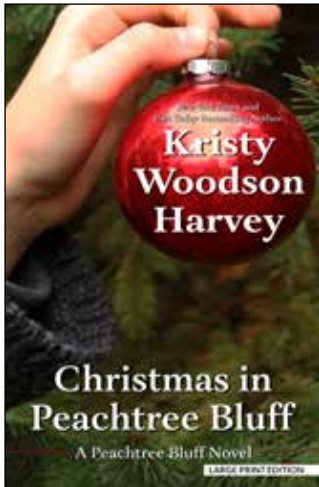
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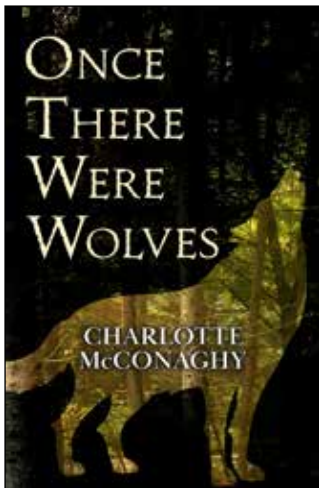
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When the Murphy women are in trouble, they know they can turn to their mother, Ansley. So when Caroline and her husband announce they're divorcing and 15-year-old Vivi acts out in response, Caroline can't think of anything to do besides leave her with Ansley for the holidays. As a storm heads toward Peachtree Bluff, Ansley and her husband are grateful they're planning to leave, but Vivi's recklessness forces the trio to shelter in place. The circumstances become dire, and the Murphy sisters set sail on Caroline's boat, determined to rebuild their town — as well as their family.

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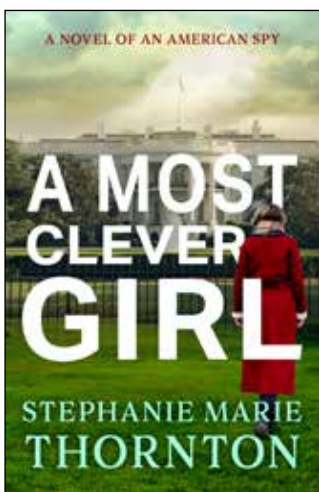
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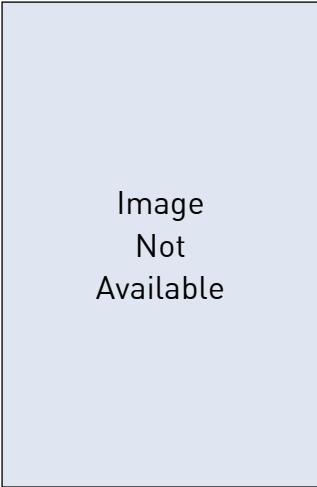


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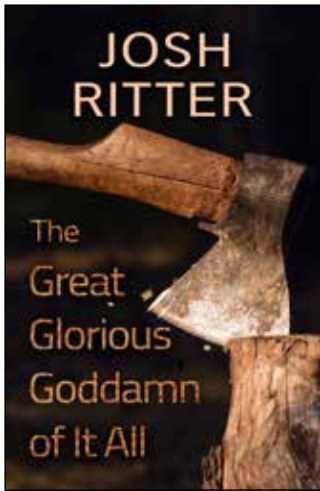
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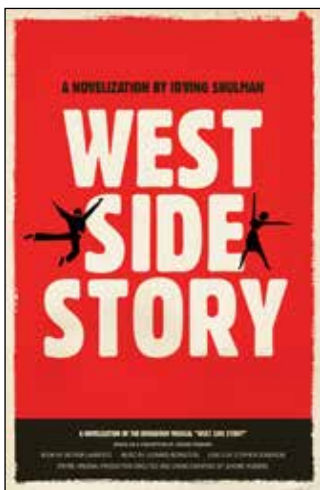
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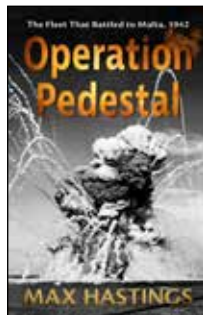
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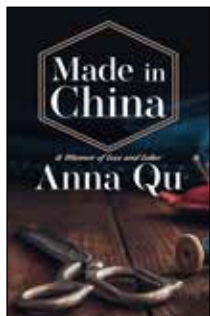
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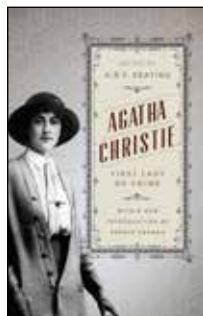
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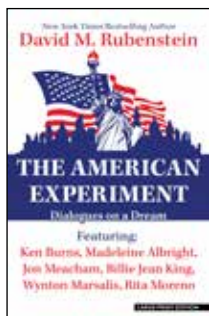
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In 2006, Kate MacDougall was working at the venerable auction house Sotheby's in London. After a clumsy accident nearly destroyed a precious piece of art, she quit Sotheby's and embarked upon a new and very much improvised career walking some of the city's many pampered pooches, branding her company "London's Number One Dog-Walking Agency." With sharp wit, delightful observations, and plenty of canine affection, Kate reveals her unconventional coming-of-age story, as told through the dogs. One walk at a time, she journeys from a haphazard twentysomething to a happily settled adult.

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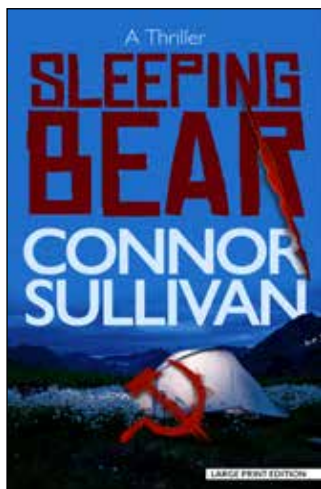
ONE OF PEOPLE MAGAZINE'S BEST BOOKS OF SUMMER

*"Details of Florence, Paris, and New York City enhance the twisty plot, as does the insider view of the underground world of art collectors driven by deception, ego, and greed."* — starred, Publishers Weekly

August 1911: The Mona Lisa is stolen by Vincent Peruggia. Exactly what happens in the two years before its recovery is a mystery. Many replicas of the Mona Lisa exist, and more than one historian has wondered if the painting now returned to the Louvre is a fake, switched in 1911. Present day: Art professor Luke Perrone digs for the truth behind his most famous ancestor: Peruggia. His search attracts an Interpol detective with something to prove and an unfamiliar but curiously helpful woman. Soon, Luke tumbles deep into the world of art and forgery, a land of obsession and danger.

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**SLEEPING BEAR**

A THRILLER

**Connor Sullivan**

*"Sullivan nails it out of the gate with a story that moves with confidence."* — Publishers Weekly

Cassie Gale decides to take a few days in the Alaska wilderness before she starts her new job. When her dog is discovered injured at her wrecked campsite, her father knows this is more than a camping trip gone awry. Cassie's not the first person to disappear and not all disappearances can be explained. Regaining consciousness in a Russian prison, Cassie finds herself trapped. Meanwhile, her father scours thousands of acres, only to realize she's been taken by a nefarious adversary with the power of the Eastern Bloc behind it. He knows there's a price to be paid, but he's determined it won't be his daughter.

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Espionage | Releases 12/15/2021

**THE FAMILY PLOT****Megan Collins**

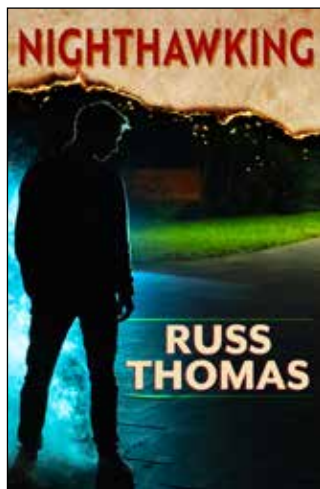
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*"Plausible suspects and complex characters match the well-crafted plot. This is an entertaining as well as chilling tale of family secrets, lies, and primordial fears."* — Publishers Weekly

Raised in a mansion deep in the woods and kept isolated by her true crime-obsessed parents, Dahlia Lighthouse is unable to move beyond the disappearance of her twin brother, Andy, when they were 16. Following her father's death, the family makes a gruesome discovery: buried in their father's plot is another body — Andy's. Dahlia's brother, Charlie, pours his energy into creating a family memorial museum; her sister, Tate, forges ahead with dioramas portraying crime scenes; and their mother affects a cheerful facade. As Dahlia grapples with her own grief, she realizes her eccentric family, and the mansion itself, may hold the answers to what happened to her twin.

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**NIGHTHAWKING**

A Detective Sergeant Adam Tyler Novel

**Russ Thomas**

*“Every chapter ends with a narrative punch to the face.” — starred, Publishers Weekly*

Under the cover of night, a figure climbs over the wall of the Botanical Garden. It’s a dicey location in the city center, but they’re on the hunt — only this time, the nighthawker unearths a body. Detective Sergeant Adam Tyler and Detective Constable Amina Rabbani are shunted onto the investigation. When the victim is identified as a Chinese national in the U.K. on a student visa, the case takes on new urgency. It becomes clear there’s more to her studies than meets the eye.

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**TENDER IS THE BITE**

A Chet & Bernie Mystery

**Spencer Quinn**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**  
**INSTANT USA TODAY BESTSELLER**

Chet and Bernie are contacted by a scared young woman who seems to want their help. Before she can even tell them her name, she flees in panic. In that brief meeting, Chet sniffs out a secret at the heart of the mystery he and Bernie are to solve. It’s a case with no client and no crime and yet great danger, with the duo facing a powerful politician. Hanging in the balance are the lives of two mistreated young women and the future of the whole state.

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Mystery | Releases 12/1/2021  
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**LET THE DEAD KEEP THEIR SECRETS**

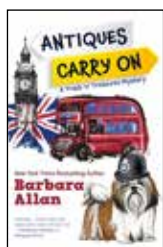
A Gilded Age Mystery

**Rosemary Simpson**

When Claire Buchanan shows Prudence and Geoffrey a postmortem cabinet photograph of her deceased twin sister and newborn niece, they express sadness but not surprise. What makes this death different is that Claire is convinced Catherine and her child were murdered. Catherine’s widower, Aaron Sorenson, is a cold, controlling man who swiftly remarried. To discover the truth and find evidence of Sorenson’s guilt, Geoffrey will delve into his past while Prudence casts herself as his next victim — putting her own life at grave risk.

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Historical Mystery | Releases 12/1/2021  
Available in Mystery 4, 5 & 6.



**ANTIQUES CARRY ON**

A Trash 'n' Treasures Mystery

**Barbara Allan**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

*“This humorous cozy with its multiple plot twists is framed by close family relationships, a lovingly detailed setting, and information about antiques.” — Booklist*

When Vivian Borne — true-crime writer, antiques dealer, and drama queen — and her co-author daughter Brandy travel to London in luxury to meet their new editor, they don’t predict their vacation will end in murder. Plunged into a complex mystery, they have no choice but to carry on.

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Cozy Mystery | Releases 12/1/2021  
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**SHOT CALLER**

NYPD Negotiators

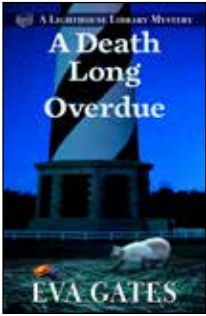
**Jen J. Danna**

*“Danna’s convincing portrayal of the hostage negotiating process and life at Rikers keep the pages turning.” — Publishers Weekly*

The Enhanced Supervision Housing unit is home to Rikers’ most dangerous offenders. When Gemma Capello gets word of an uprising at the ESH, she knows how much is at stake. Gemma begins negotiating with Kill Switch, a young, aggressive member of the Filero Kings gang. Navigating all sides, Gemma tries to stop the body count from rising. With disagreements and volatility increasing, the only certainty is that the next misstep may be a fatal one.

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**A DEATH LONG OVERDUE**

A Lighthouse Library Mystery

**Eva Gates**

*"Exceptional . . . Cozy queen Gates (a pen name of Vicki Delany) is at the top of her game."* — starred, Publishers Weekly

Bertie James' college class is having their 40th anniversary reunion. After the reception, some of the women take a walk, using flashlights to

illuminate the path, but what's scarier than the dark is finding the former director of the Lighthouse Library floating lifeless in the water. Helena Sanchez wasn't much loved and spent the party being rude to almost everyone there. As a result, Lucy finds herself in deep water as she questions several suspects. She'll have to batten down the hatches and fast before she's left high and dry, and right in the killer's crosshairs.

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Cozy Mystery | Releases 12/15/2021  
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**INK AND SHADOWS**

A Secret, Book and Scone Society Book 4

**Ellery Adams**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

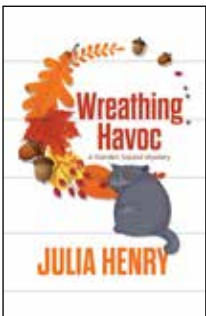
*"Lovers of reading and strong women will be impressed by this entertaining cozy packed with mystery, romance, and sisterhood."*

— Kirkus

Known for her window displays, Nora Pennington decides to showcase fictional heroines like Matilda for Halloween. But a family-values group disapproves of the magical themes and wastes no time launching a modern-day witch hunt. Suddenly, former friends and customers are targeting not only Nora but a new shopkeeper, Celeste, who's been selling CBD oil products. When someone puts an end to a life, it's up to Nora and the society to sort out the clues before more bodies turn up and the secrets from Celeste's past come back to haunt them all.

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Cozy Mystery | Releases 12/15/2021  
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**WREATHING HAVOC**

A Garden Squad Mystery

**Julia Henry**

Lilly Jayne typically spends harvest season baking pies and crafting wreaths to enter in the library's annual fundraising contest. But this year, autumn opens on a somber note when local theater owner Leon Tompkin dies. His memorial sets the scene for

a reunion of The Goosebush Players' best and brightest alumni, including Hollywood star, Jeremy Nolan, until someone plucks Jeremy from the spotlight, permanently. As dedicated theater volunteer Scooter McGee falls under suspicion, Lilly rakes through the piles of clues, but if she doesn't uncover the real killer soon, more than autumn leaves will be dropping in Goosebush.

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**IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE MURDER**

A Catering Hall Mystery

**Maria DiRico**

**USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR**

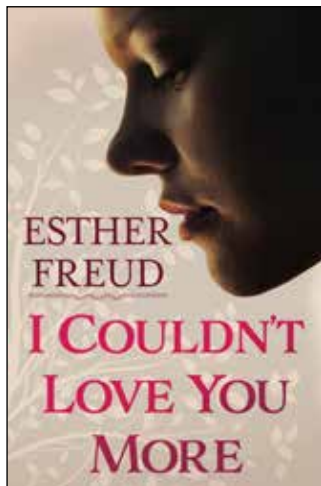
Mia's busy with a full schedule of events at the family business, but her personal life is even more challenging. Her estranged mother has returned and

her lifelong friend Jamie has discovered a shocking secret about his past. He's so angry that he starts hanging out with Lorenzo, who claims to be his long-lost brother even after it becomes clear that Lorenzo's story is fake. Then a body turns up among the elves in a Santa's-workshop lawn display, and Mia has a buffet of suspects to choose from. Amid the holiday celebrations, she intends to find out who's the guilty party.

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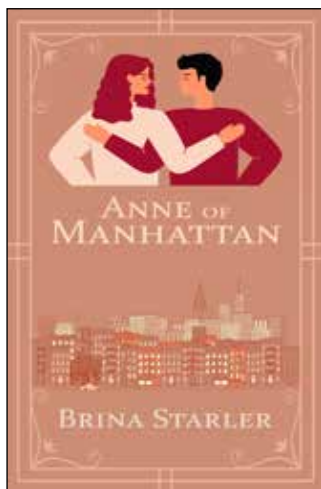
**I COULDN'T LOVE YOU MORE****Esther Freud**

*"Braiding the lives of mothers and daughters in England and Ireland across three generations, Freud explores the joys, heartbreaks, and aching enigmas of family bonds." — Kirkus*

It's London 1960, and Aoife Kelly runs pubs with her husband, Cash. Their courtship began in wartime London, before they returned to Ireland with their daughters. One of these daughters — Rosaleen — moves back to London, where she begins an affair with the famous sculptor Felix Lehmann. When Rosaleen finds herself pregnant, she's evicted from her flat, dismissed from her job, and desperate to hide the secret from her family. Meanwhile, Kate, another generation down, lives in present-day London with her daughter and husband. Kate sets out to track down her birth mother, a search that leads her to a Magdalene Laundry in Ireland and the harrowing history it holds.

**ISBN: 9781432893095 | \$26.99 U.S.**

Women's Fiction | Releases 12/15/2021

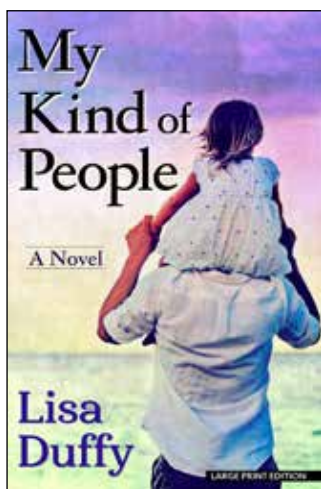
**ANNE OF MANHATTAN****Brina Starler**

*"This is a sweet update to a classic story with an Anne Shirley fans will recognize and a Gilbert Blythe as dreamy as ever." — Publishers Weekly*

After an idyllic girlhood in Avonlea, Long Island, Anne has moved to Manhattan for grad school. When her archrival Gilbert Blythe shows up at Redmond College, Anne gets the shock of her life. Gil has been in California for the last five years. Now the handsome brunette is flashing his dimples at her like he hasn't a care in the world. Paired with the same professor for their thesis, the two come to a grudging peace that turns into something much deeper. But when Gil seemingly betrays her, Anne realizes she should never have trusted Gilbert Blythe. She must come to terms with her old fears if she wants a happily-ever-after with the boy she's always (secretly) loved.

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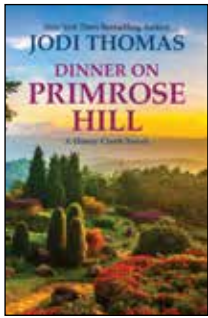
**MY KIND OF PEOPLE****Lisa Duffy**

*"Intensely real and deeply emotional, Duffy's rich novel is worth savoring from the very first page." — starred, Publishers Weekly*

On Ichabod Island, 10-year-old Sky becomes an orphan for the second time after an accident claims the lives of her adoptive parents. Grieving the death of his best friends, Leo's life is turned upside down when he finds himself Sky's guardian. Struggling to balance his new responsibilities and his marriage to his husband, Leo is supported by a community of neighbors. Maggie helps with Sky's childcare. Her best friend Agnes invites Sky's estranged grandmother to stay for the summer. Their neighbor Joe struggles with whether to tell all was not well in Sky's house leading up to the accident. Among them all is a mysterious woman, drawn to Ichabod to fulfill a dying wish.

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**DINNER ON PRIMROSE HILL**

A Honey Creek Novel

**Jodi Thomas**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

“... memorable, refreshingly candid characters are sure to resonate, especially the strong female protagonists. Series fans will be delighted.” — Publishers Weekly

Benjamin Monroe’s colleague, Virginia Clark, has talked him into collaborating on a research project — studying the mating habits of college students. Virginia knows her desire to work with Benjamin is motivated by more than the potential prize money and hopes he might not be as indifferent as he seems. Ketch Kincaid, one of Benjamin’s students, needs something to get his mind off his recent breakup and collecting research data might do it. Soon enough, their project is gaining notoriety. No matter what the data determines, one conclusion seems inescapable: love follows its own rules.

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The Lair of the Wolven • Book 1

**J. R. Ward**

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER**

“Ward builds to a breathtaking finale with an impressively orchestrated twist, setting the bar high for the series to come.”  
— starred, Publishers Weekly

Lydia Susi is passionate about protecting wolves. When a hotel chain develops a tract of land next to the preserve, Lydia is one of the most vocal opponents and becomes a target. One night, a shadowy figure threatens Lydia’s life in the forest, and a new hire at the Wolf Study Project comes to save her. Daniel Joseph is someone she intrinsically wants to trust, but is he hiding something? As the stakes get higher, and one of Lydia’s colleagues is murdered, she must decide how far she’ll go to protect the wolves. Then a shocking revelation about Daniel challenges Lydia’s reality. Will a soul-shattering loss ruin her forever?

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**THE CHRISTMAS ESCAPE**

**Sarah Morgan**

**USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

“Morgan’s latest Christmas tale, which has family, friends, romance, and secrets converging under the Northern Lights, will delight readers and give them the perfect excuse to snuggle up for a few hours with a cup of hot cocoa.” — Booklist

It was supposed to be Christy Sullivan’s perfect Christmas getaway — a trip to Lapland with her family and best friend, Alix — but facing a marriage crisis, Christy desperately needs time alone with her husband. Her solution? Alix can take Christy’s daughter to Lapland, and they’ll reunite for Christmas Day. Alix knows something is wrong, but for the first time ever, Christy isn’t talking. Even the Arctic temperatures in Lapland aren’t enough to dampen the sizzle Alix is developing for Zac, a nemesis from her past. Can Christy and Alix’s Christmas escape give them the courage to fight for the relationships they want and save the gift of each other’s friendship?

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**FREED**

Fifty Shades of Grey Series

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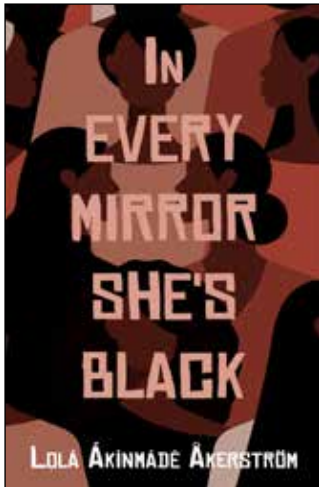
**INSTANT #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER  
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Relive the sensuality, the romance, and the drama of *Fifty Shades Freed* through the thoughts, reflections, and dreams of Christian Grey.

You’re invited to the wedding of the decade, when Christian Grey will make Anastasia Steele his wife. Their passion burns hotter and deeper than ever, but Ana’s defiant spirit continues to stir Christian’s darkest fears and tests his need for control. As old rivalries and resentments endanger them both, one misjudgment threatens to tear them apart. Can Christian overcome the nightmares of his childhood and the torments of his youth? And once he’s discovered the truth of his origins, can he find forgiveness and accept Ana’s unconditional love? Can Christian finally be freed?

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## IN EVERY MIRROR SHE'S BLACK

Lola Akinmade Åkerström

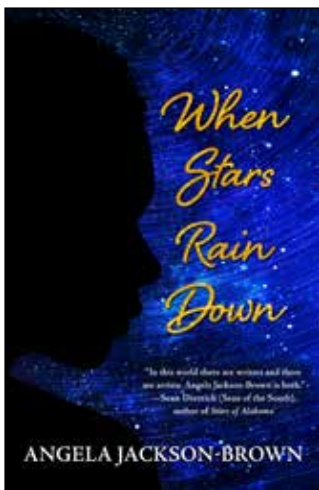
AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

*"Åkerström powerfully conveys all of the women's experiences with race."* — Publishers Weekly

Successful marketing executive Kemi Adeyemi is lured from the U.S. to Sweden by Jonny von Lundin, CEO of the nation's largest marketing firm, to help fix a PR fiasco involving a racially tone-deaf campaign. A chance meeting with Jonny in business class en route to the U.S. propels former model-turned-flight-attendant Brittany-Rae Johnson into a life of wealth, luxury, and privilege as the object of his unhealthy obsession. Refugee Muna Saheed, who lost her entire family, finds a job cleaning the toilets at Jonny's office as she works to establish her residency in Sweden and, more importantly, seeks connection and a place she can call home.

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## WHEN STARS RAIN DOWN

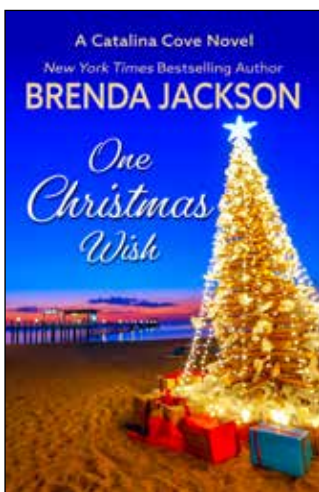
Angela Jackson-Brown

*"This is a powerful Own Voices contribution to the historical fiction genre."* — starred, Library Journal

The summer of 1936 in Parsons, Georgia, is unseasonably hot. Opal Pruitt and her Grandma Birdie work as housekeepers for the white widow Miss Peggy. When the Ku Klux Klan descends on Opal's neighborhood, the community is shaken in every way possible. Parsons' residents are forced to acknowledge the unspoken codes of conduct in their town. To complicate matters, Opal finds herself torn between two romantic interests — the son of her pastor, Cedric Perkins, and the white grandson of the woman she works for, Jimmy Earl Ketchums. Faced with love, loss, and a harsh awakening to an ugly world, Opal holds tight to her family and faith — and the hope for change.

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## ONE CHRISTMAS WISH

A Catalina Cove Novel

Brenda Jackson

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

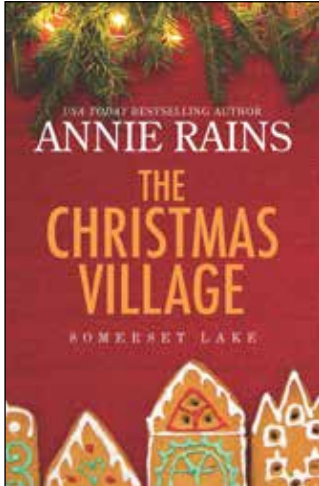
Vaughn Miller's career was abruptly ended by a wrongful conviction and two years in prison. When he's exonerated and his name cleared, he feels he can hold his head up again. Sierra Crane escaped a disastrous marriage. Determined to make it on her own, Sierra opens a soup café. Complication is the last thing she needs, but the moment Vaughn walks in, she can't keep her eyes off the smoldering loner. Vaughn knows she's the one. Sierra can't deny the way Vaughn makes her feel, but she's been burned before. With Christmas approaching, it'll be up to Sierra to decide if her one Christmas wish — true happiness — will come true.

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## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

**THE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE**

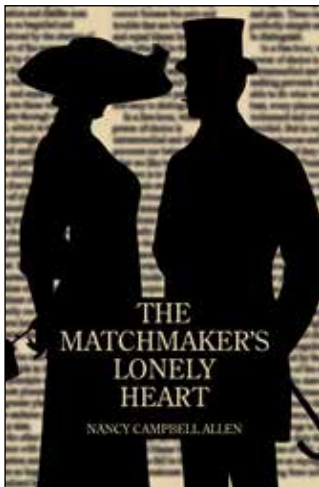
Somerset Lake • Book 2

**Annie Rains****USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

Lucy Hannigan has inherited her childhood home. With the holidays coming, the pressure is on to decorate the house for the annual lights competition and maintain her parents' winning streak. But Lucy has her hands full as a midwife and a new landlord — to her ex-fiancé. When Miles Bruno is suddenly asked to move out of his rental home, he's grateful to Lucy for taking him on as a tenant. But sparks still fly between them, and he'd give anything to get back in Lucy's good graces. To do that will take much more than tree trimming and house decorating. Will one grand romantic gesture on Christmas Eve finally soften her heart?

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**THE MATCHMAKER'S LONELY HEART****Nancy Campbell Allen**

*"Allen expertly combines mystery and romance into a fast-paced tale complete with plenty of surprises and a central relationship founded on mutual admiration and respect."* — Publishers Weekly

London 1885. When police detective Michael Baker meets Amelie Hampton, he's captured by her beauty and quick mind. When a woman's body is pulled from the river, Michael suspects the husband — Harold Radcliffe — of foul play. Amelie refuses to believe Harold is capable of such violence but agrees to help. Her social connections and clever observations prove an asset to the case, and Amelie is determined to prove Radcliffe's innocence. But Amelie and Michael realize Radcliffe is hiding more than one secret, and when his attention turns to Amelie, Michael must put an end to this case before the woman he loves comes to harm.

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Regency Romance | Releases 12/15/2021

**FOREVER WITH YOU**

A Sapphire Springs Novel

**Barb Curtis**

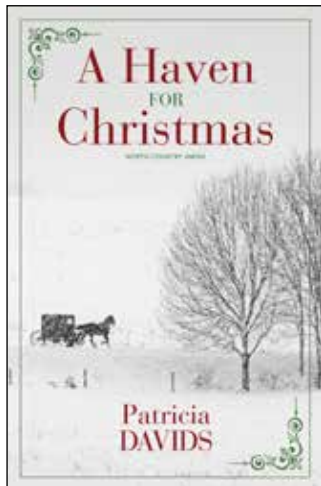
*"Fans of Susan Wiggs will find this heartwarming romance to their liking."* — Library Journal

Jay Wynter left Sapphire Springs to build a career from scratch. Now that he's successor to Wynter Estate, Jay must return to his hometown to face everything he left behind. Leyna Milan knows family legacies come with strings attached, but she's determined to prove she can run her family's restaurant. Of course, Leyna never expected that honoring her grandfather's wishes meant opening a second location on her ex's property — or having to ignore Jay's sexy grin and guard the heart he shattered years before. As they work closely together, she begins to discover that maybe first loves deserve a second chance.

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### A HAVEN FOR CHRISTMAS

North Country Amish • Book 3

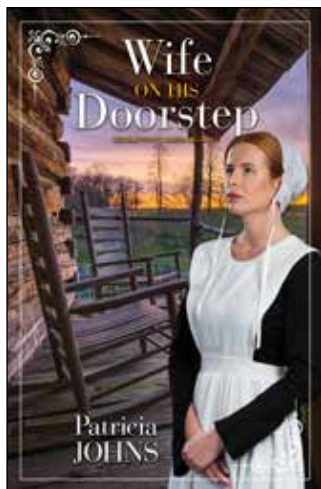
**Patricia Davids**

**USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

An accident landing an *Englischer* on Becca Beachy's farm isn't quite the peaceful Christmas she expected. But with the widow struggling after an emergency, Tully Lange's help is a blessing. Now Becca's determined to give the cowboy a true Amish Christmas, but as she falls for him, she knows their love is forbidden. Will this be the start of forever or the beginning of goodbye?

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### WIFE ON HIS DOORSTEP

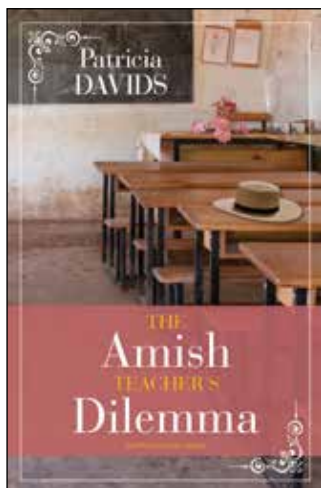
Redemption's Amish Legacies • Book 3

**Patricia Johns**

When Miriam Lapp arrives unannounced at her estranged husband's house, she has no intention of staying, but she can't walk away when Amos' ailing grandmother needs a woman's support. She'll help temporarily, then leave to start her own Amish business. Spending time together makes Miriam and Amos question their past mistakes. Can a once mismatched couple find love ten years later?

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### THE AMISH TEACHER'S DILEMMA

North Country Amish • Book 2

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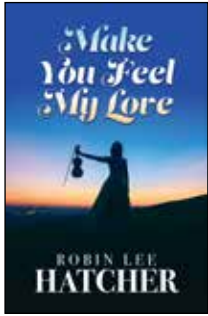
**USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

*"This sweet, inspirational romance offers a fast and easy read."* — The New York Journal of Books

Taking a schoolteacher position in another district is just the change Amish spinster Eva Coblentz needs. With her new neighbor, blacksmith Willis Gingrich, struggling to raise his three orphaned siblings, Eva is determined to help them heal. When her relatives insist she come home, Eva must choose between the life she left and the one she's growing to love.

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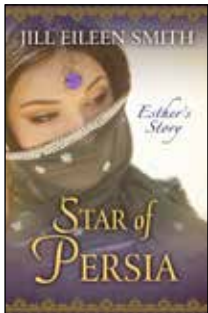
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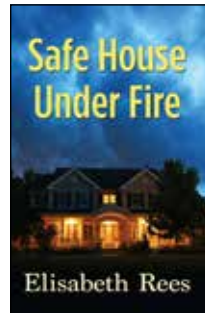
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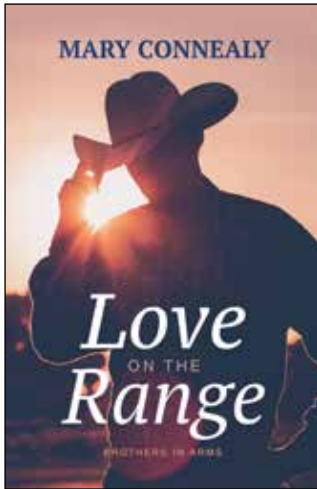
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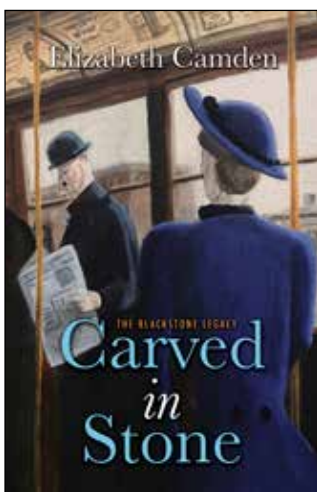
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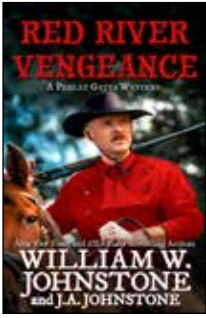
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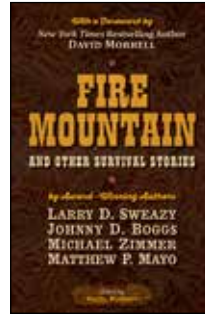
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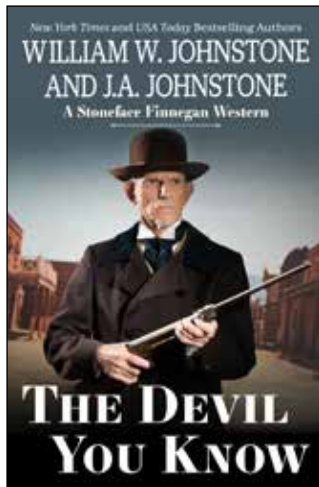
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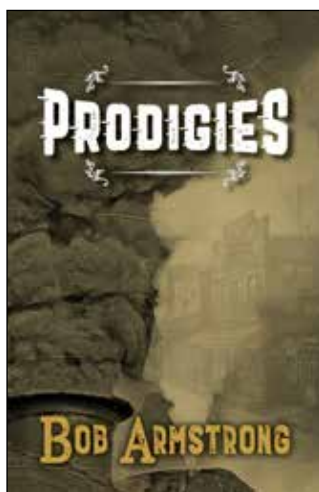
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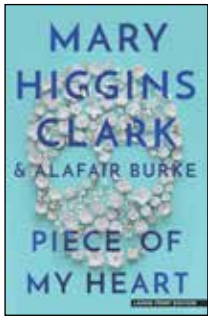
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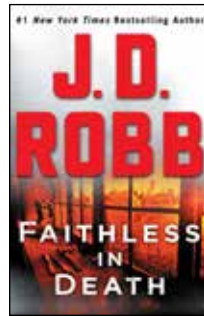
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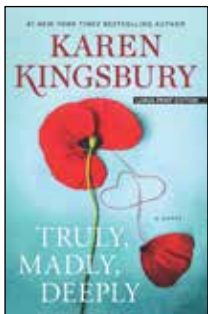


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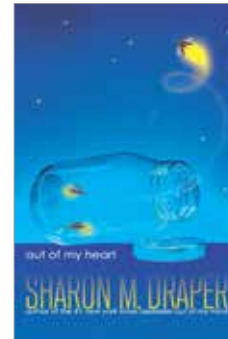
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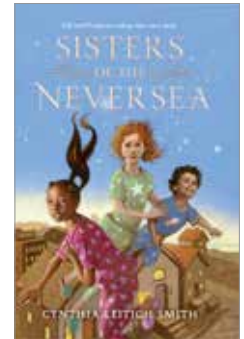
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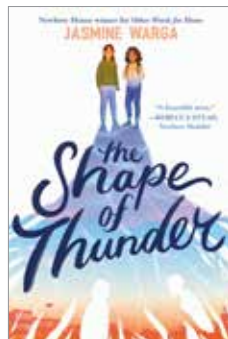
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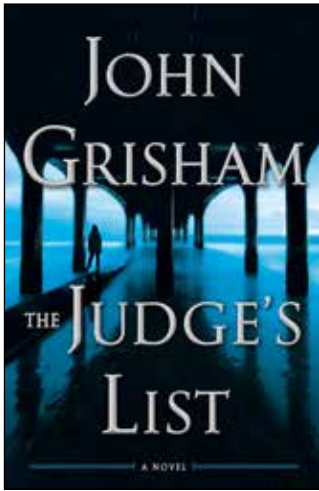
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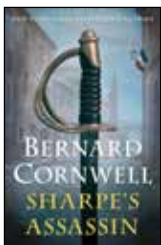
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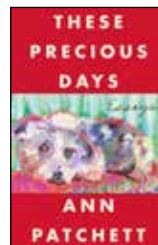
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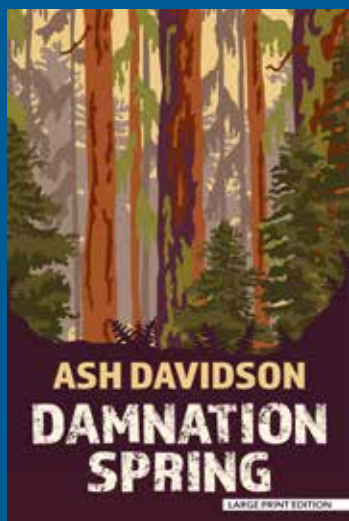
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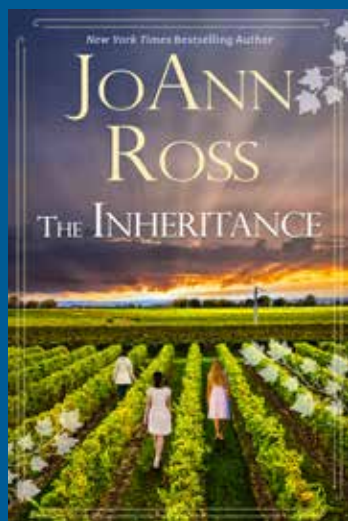
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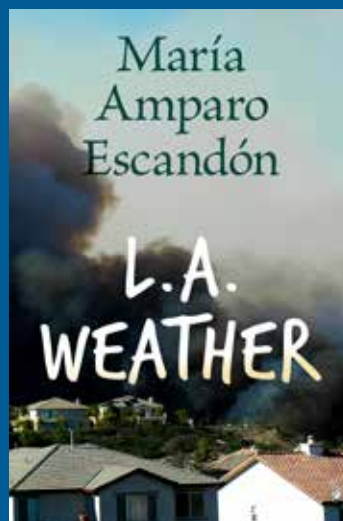
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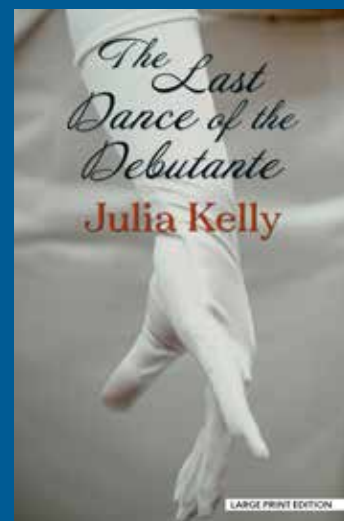
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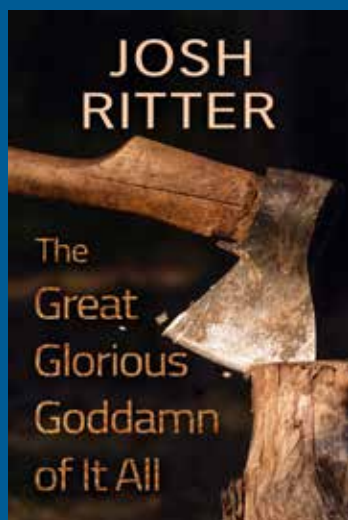
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